Act on a Special Court shall be exercised by the Court of Session of the concerned division.

Setting up of family courts in Delhi

2312. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court had directed in 1996 that family courts should be set-up in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have not acted on this direction even till today;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when family courts will be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Supreme Court in its order dated 11th February, 2002 in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) No. 973 of 1991—Chetna Legal Advisory Women & Children Welfare Society *Vs.* Union of India and Others, has directed the Government that suitable land, as determined by the Chief Justice of Delhi High court should be allotted by the National Capital Territory of Delhi and/or Union of India for the setting up of the Family Courts within one week.

(b) to (d) The NCT of Delhi has informed that the DDA has offered four plots of land measuring 1500 Sq. Mts. each at (1) Vishwas Nagar Institutional Area, (2) Vasant Kunj, (3) Janakpuri Institutional Area; and (4) Dheer Pur for setting up of Family Courts. The Delhi Government has requested the High Court of Delhi for their approval on 15.2.2002.

The Land and Building office, has also offered three plots of land at (i) Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg; (ii) M.B. Road, New Delhi; and (iii) Timarpur. The Delhi Government has requested the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi *vide* letter dated 26.2.2002 for their approval. The decision regarding plots offered by the DDA and L and DO has been taken by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, but the possession of the plots/sites is yet to be taken over.

Two Family Court buildings at Parliament Street and at 1, Kirpa Narain Marg, Delhi are under construction.

Shortage of skilled pilots

2313. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian ports are suffering because they don't have enough skilled pilots;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are planning to give more incentives to the pilots to attract them to join; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Majority of Ports are not suffering because of shortage of skilled pilots. In case regular pilots are not immediately available at any port due to some reason, ports arrange the work through contract pilots.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal for giving any more incentives to attract the pilots to join Major Ports.

Development of port at Patna

2314. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by Government to develop a port at Patna on river Ganga;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for this; and

(c) by when and to which places navigation will be started from Patna?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.